

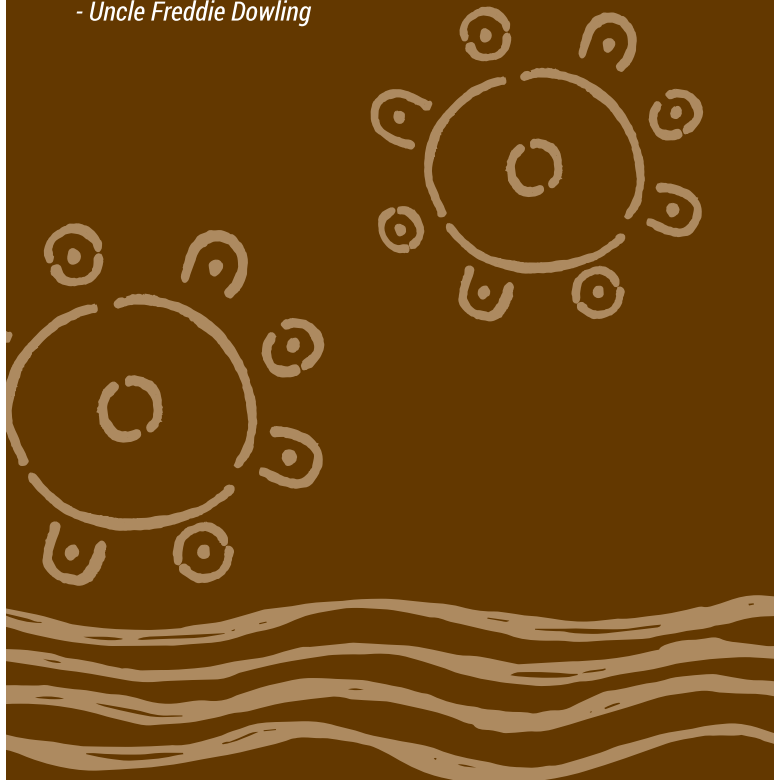
"We are the Pangerang (Bangerang) people. For thousands of years, we have belonged to this country.

In our language, Bullawah [bulla meaning two and wah meaning water] signifies the two suspension bridges crossing the river as well as the joining of the two rivers and the coming together of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Along the way, we share our culture, our ways of living and our stories with you.

On this self-guided family experience you will snake 2.4km along the Ovens River discovering ancient Aboriginal stories, spirituality, culture, food, sculptures, interpretive signage, the Marmungun Rock and the Bush Tucker Garden.

Tandarra (come on, let's get going): As you journey the trail, we invite you to share in our stories to learn more of how we lived here and the importance of country to our culture."

- Uncle Freddie Dowling



For more information visit
www.culturewangeratta.com

To delve deeper into the Aboriginal stories along the trail scan your smartphone wherever you see a QR code to unlock some amazing short films.

Site access: During the winter months the trail is prone to flooding.

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EXPLORE/DISCOVER THE BULLAWAH CULTURAL TRAIL...

1/ Marmungun Rock

Meaning 'of this group/area' – and the closest traditional Pangerang word for community. The featured handprints are an enduring tribute to outstanding individuals in our community. During National Reconciliation Week, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community recognises the Wangaratta Citizen of the Year. This concept was conceived by respected Elder Wally Cooper.

3/ Mundgee - Murray Cod

Story: Uncle Sandy Atkinson and Uncle Freddie Dowling

Artist: Paul Blizzard

Mundgee swam freely up and down Tongala (Murray River) and all its tributaries, including Torryyong (Ovens River) and Poodumbia (King River). As he grew in these rivers he found it difficult to turn around. He made turning circles and that's how the waterholes were made.

8/ Mullinmurr - Platypus

Story: Uncle Freddie Dowling

Artist: Anderson Hunt

Born of mismatched love of Widjul (black duck) and Nunjarri (water rat). The Mullinmurr story is a fascinating tale that explores the playful side of relationships and the inherent dangers of forbidden love.

11/ Bush Tucker Garden - Fibre - Medicine - Food

The natural environment was a hardware store, supermarket, and pharmacy for Aboriginal people. This garden features a selection of species of significance to Indigenous culture.

Please do not pick or eat any of the plants from the Bush Tucker Garden

12/ Yarraboyn and Womboyn - Red Kangaroo and Grey Kangaroo

Story: Uncle Freddie Dowling

Artist: Anderson Hunt

The Yarraboyn and Womboyn story speaks of the strong and meaningful relationships between neighbouring tribes in sharing and trading resources, as well as the importance of building relationships and sharing between cultures and communities.



1/ Marmungun Rock

2/ Welcome

3/ Mundgee - Murray Cod

4/ Dirrawarra - Bridge

5/ Byamee - The Creator

6/ Torryyong Bridge

7/ Totems & Our Spirituality

8/ Mullinmurr - Platypus

9/ Wayfinding Sign

10/ Guritcha - Willy Wagtail

11/ Yaddy & Plants for Life & Bush Tucker Garden

12/ Yarraboyn & Womboyn - Red Kangaroo and Grey Kangaroo

13/ Yirradwor - Magpie

14/ Life by the River

15/ Identity